

Board of Selectmen Minutes
Regular Meeting held
Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 7:30pm
Town Hall Meeting Room

- 1- Call to Order: First Selectman Spaulding called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Present were Selectman Samantha Nestor and Selectman Stephan Grozinger. Members of the audience were also present.
- 2- Pledge of Allegiance: Anne Hunt led in the Pledge.
- 3- Discussion/decision to appoint Debbie Katz to the Library Board for an term to end December 31, 2019: Feels the library is a community hub. **Selectman Nestor moved to appoint Debbie Katz to the Library Board for an term to end December 31, 2019. Selectman Grozinger seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**
- 4- Discussion/decision to accept Maria Rowbotham's resignation from the Commission for Children and Youth effective August 23, 2019: **Selectman Grozinger moved to accept Maria Rowbotham's resignation from the Commission for Children and Youth effective August 23, 2019. Selectman Nestor seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**
- 5- Interview of Denese Marshall for appointment to the Commission for Children and Youth: Selectmen interviewed Denese Marshall. Ms. Marshall spoke about how she could contribute in the areas of addiction and bullying prevention. **NO MOTION.**
- 6- Interview of Kathleen Fitzgerald for appointment to the Commission for Children and Youth: Selectmen interviewed Kathleen Fitzgerald. Ms. Fitzgerald spoke about her involvement with Positive Directions. **NO MOTION.**
- 7- Discussion/decision to appoint Amy Guzzi to the Sidewalk Design and Construction Committee for a term to end June 30, 2021: First Selectman Spaulding stated that Ms. Guzzi has sat in on these meetings. Ms. Guzzi lives across the street and has young children that would actively use the sidewalk. **Selectman Grozinger moved to appoint Amy Guzzi to the Sidewalk Design and Construction Committee for a term to end June 30, 2021. Selectman Nestor seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**
- 8- Discussion/decision to authorize the First Selectman to sign an agreement with Bench Strength Partners Inc. to help the town maximize revenue from existing cell phone towers: First Selectman Spaulding explained the revenue model for the cell tower. **Selectman Nestor moved to authorize the First Selectman to sign an agreement with Bench Strength Partners Inc, subject to approval by town attorney. Selectman Grozinger seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

- 9- Discussion/decision to authorize a real estate tax sale in February: First Selectman Spaulding explained the tax sale process. Selectman Grozinger proposed we do not sell the undeveloped lots. **Selectman Nestor moved to authorize Attorney Adam Cohen to conduct a real estate tax sale on all developed lots included on the presented list. Selectman Grozinger seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**
- 10- Discussion/decision to approve the Town's participation in the Federal Local Bridge Program to rehabilitate the bridge on Michael's Way, over the West Branch of the Saugatuck River: First Selectman Spaulding explained the DOT does a regular review of bridges and they identified this bridge as problematic. He clarified the bridge is not at risk structurally, but needs work. **Selectman Grozinger moved to approve the Town's participation in the Federal Local Bridge Program to rehabilitate the bridge on Michael's Way, over the West Branch of the Saugatuck River. Selectman Nestor seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**
- 11- Discussion/decision to approve a donation to a 501(C)(3) "Community Chest": Selectman Grozinger explained that this would be an umbrella for all 501c3's in town. He stated that this "Community Chest: could accept donations from townspeople for specific projects in town. First Selectman Spaulding stated he first wants to review this with Town Attorney. **NO MOTION**
- 12- Discussion/decision to approve property tax refunds: **Selectman Nestor moved to approve property tax refunds totaling \$23,085.72, as presented. Selectman Grozinger seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**
- 13- Minutes approval: September 5, 2019 Meeting: **Selectman Grozinger moved to approve the unapproved minutes of the August 22, 2019 Board of Selectmen Meeting, as presented. Selectman Nestor seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**
- 14- Adjournment: Selectman Grozinger moved to adjourn. Selectman Nestor seconded. **The motion passed unanimously at 8:35 pm.**

Minutes Submitted by: Randi Derene, Administrative Assistant

Approved: October 3, 2019

